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Mr. Thomas Kelley, Asst. Director
U.S.Secret Service
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Tom,

April 15 the Archives finally gave me the Memo of Transfer rather than go to court. They claim not to have some of the documents referred to in it. You will recall that some time ago the Secret Service did give me most of them.

From the Memo it appears that the documents I do not have are the last two on the first page, an exchange between Fox, Bouck and Madonia of November 29, 1963; and the December 5, 1963 Bouck letter to Stover.

You will recall, I believe, that in my work I have had considerable interest in the film and all the sourrounding details; and that for some years I have had an account of its custody and processing. I would like my records to be complete. So, I herewith request copies of these and any other relevant documents the Secret Service may not have given me in the past.

In my understanding of the FOIA the Secret Service is the agency of paramount interest under this law. So, I am also asking that you please send me these documents directly. If the Secret Service elects to deposit copies elsewhere that, of course, is its business. However, three other agencies have been providing what is requested under the Act directly and I know of no legal prohibition against this. I believe that under this law I do have the right to ask these documents of the Secret Service directly. If I have my own reasons for asking this, I also believe that if you think about this in the light of developments of recent years you may also see that this is a proper and perhaps preferable proceedure for the Secret Service.

With this Memo there was an exchange of letters signed by Admiral Burkley and the late Robert Kennedy. The copy of the Robert Kennedy letter provided me was of a carbon partly masked at the top. It also is an unclear copy. Under the law certain internal communications are exempt from compulsory disclosure. At the time Robert Kennedy was a Senator, not in an executive agency. The law applies to executive agencies only. My interest is in knowing who prepared that letter for signature. My belief is that this is what was masked. I would appreciate a copy of this letter that is not masked unless it does have genuine internal communication on it.

We have discussed aspects of these documents in the past. If you could find a mutually satisfactory time for a little more discussion of them I would appreciate it. Getting to your office early in the morning presents no problem to me.

If you can find this time you may also want to reserve a few minutes more because in the course of other work on another subject I have developed some information and beliefs that may be of interest to the Secret Service.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg

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